

port the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass.

DARWIN, Chairman.

(Minority Report.)

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 8, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, a minority of your Committee on Rules, to whom was referred

S. R. No. 67, and amendment, providing "that beginning on Monday, February 8, 1915, the Senate follow the calendar, in the considering and disposing of bills, to the end of the current Session."

Amendment: "Provided, that the provisions of this resolution shall apply only to the consideration of bills."

Have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

DARWIN.

Enrollment Committee Report.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 8, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, have carefully examined and compared Senate Bill No. 113, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:40 o'clock, p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

M'COLLUM, Chairman.

Engrossing Committee Report.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 8, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, have carefully compared Senate Bill No. 7, and find same correctly engrossed.

WESTBROOK, Chairman.

TWENTY-FIRST DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas,
Tuesday, February 9, 1915.

The Senate met at 2 o'clock, p. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Lieutenant Governor W. P. Hobby.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answered to their names:

Bailey of DeWitt.	King.
Bailey of Harris.	Lattimore.
Bee.	McCollum.
Conner.	McGregor.
Cowell.	McNealus.
Darwin.	Morrow.
Gibson.	Page.
Hall.	Robbins.
Harley.	Smith.
Harris.	Sulter.
Henderson.	Townsend.
Hudspeth.	Westbrook.
Johnson.	

Absent.

Brelsford. Clark.

Absent—Excused.

Astin. Parr.
Nugent. Wiley.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, the same was dispensed with on motion of Senator McNealus.

Excused.

On account of important business: Senator Astin, for today, on motion of Senator Bailey of DeWitt.

Senator Parr, for yesterday and today, on motion of Senator King.

Senator Nugent, for today and balance of week, on motion of Senator Johnson.

See Appendix for Petitions and Memorials and Standing Committee reports.

Bills and Resolutions.

By Senator Lattimore:

S. B. No. 244, A bill to be entitled "An Act to define junk dealers; to require such dealers to give bond; prescribing the conditions of such bond; to require such dealers to take

bill of sale from each seller; to forbid the purchase of certain articles by such dealers from minors or in the night time; to prescribe penalties, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Commerce and Manufactures.

By Senator Harris:

S. B. No. 245, A bill to be entitled "An Act appropriating out of the unexpended funds realized from the sale of products and from labor of the State Juvenile Training School the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the purpose of remodeling, repairing and equipping the building at that institution formerly used as a dormitory for negroes, so that the same may be used for other dormitory and housing purposes, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Finance.

By Senator King, by request:

S. B. No. 246, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize guardians of estates to make mineral leases, and prescribing the manner in which said mineral leases shall be made, repealing Chapter 131, of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, approved April 3, 1913, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Mining and Irrigation.

By Senator Hudspeth:

S. B. No. 247, A bill to be entitled "An Act making it a criminal offense, punishable by fine, for any persons within this State, without the consent of the proprietors thereof and with intent to avoid the payment of the lawful tolls and charges, to trespass and enter upon any toll bridge maintained wholly or partly within this State."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Senator Bee:

S. B. No. 248, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 475 and Article 479, Code of Criminal Procedure, and to repeal Article 477, Code of Criminal Procedure, in reference to unlawful carrying of arms."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

(By unanimous consent.)

By Senator McNealus:

S. B. No. 249, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating a State Board of Examiners of Architects, providing for their appointment, fixing the term of office of the members of said board; providing for the appointment of their successors, and for filling of vacancies occurring in the membership of said board, and fixing qualifications of the members of said board of examiners, and requiring such members to take the oath of office and file the same in the office of the Secretary of State, and providing for the election from membership of said board a president, vice president and secretary, and making the secretary and treasurer of said board, and requiring such treasurer to file a bond in the office of the Secretary of State, fixing the form and amount of such bond and providing for its approval, and providing for the adoption of necessary rules, regulations and by-laws by said board to govern its proceedings; requiring a seal, and prescribing the duty of the secretary and other members of said board to be paid from registration and other fees received and not from the treasury of this State; and providing for the disposition of moneys in excess of contingent expenses of said board, and providing for the annual salary of the secretary and treasurer, to be fixed by resolution by said board; fixing the number of members of said board necessary to constitute a quorum of said board, and providing the manner of calling special meetings of said board; requiring the adoption of rules and regulations by said board for the examination and registration of applicants to practice architecture, and for the filing of same and of any repeal or modification thereof, together with the name and address of each officer of said board in the office of the Secretary of State, and requiring the publication thereof; and further, providing for the holding of examinations of applicants for license to practice architecture, fixing fee therefor, requiring notice of time and place of such examination to be published, fixing the scope of such examinations, and providing for issuance of certificates to applicants in certain cases; fixing the fee therefor; exempting certain persons from such

examinations; providing for issuance of licenses in such cases and fixing the fee for such license, and requiring all licenses to be filed in the office of the Secretary of State, and requiring every licensed architect to have and use a seal on drawings and specifications, and prescribing the wording of such seal, and defining the word 'building,' and what persons are regarded as architects within the meaning of this Act, and exempting certain persons from the provisions thereof; and further providing for the revocation and cancellation of licenses in certain cases, prescribing the causes thereof, and the proceedings to be had and the notices to be given, and giving such board the powers of a 'court of record' in such cases, and providing for the reinstatement of licenses, and fixing the fee therefor; and further providing for the renewal of licenses issued under the provisions of this Act; fixing the time of such renewal, and the fees therefor, and providing for the filing of a verified report of the proceedings of said board in the office of the Secretary of State, and prescribing penalties for pursuing the practice of architecture without having first procured a certificate or license in accordance with the provisions of this Act, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Hall.

S. B. No. 250, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 26 of the Acts of the First Called Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, authorizing the Governor to sell and conditionally relinquish to J. J. Kans of the city of Galveston, his heirs and assigns, for the purpose of construction of a dry dock or marine railway, all title and claim in the State of Texas to certain flats or land under water on the shores of Galveston Bay, so as to provide said property to be conveyed in consideration of the erection of a dry dock or marine railway at a cost of not less than one hundred thousand dollars, and the payment to the State of Texas two (\$2.00) dollars per acre for said property, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator McGregor:

S. J. R. No. 13, "A joint resolution proposing and submitting to a vote of the people of Texas an amendment to Section 2, of Article 6, of the Constitution, prescribing those entitled to exercise the right of suffrage within the State of Texas; providing for proclamation by the Governor for the submission of said constitutional amendment on the fourth Saturday in July, A. D. 1915, and providing form of ballot therefor, and making appropriation to defray expenses for holding of election."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

Simple Resolution No. 69.

By Senator McGregor:

Whereas, The Oliver Hazard Perry Chapter of the Daughters of 1912 desire to use the Senate Chamber for an entertainment celebrating one hundred years of American history and progress; therefore, it is

Resolved, That they be tendered the use of the Senate Chamber on the evening of February 18, 1915, at Austin, and that the Sergeant-at-Arms is hereby instructed to turn the same over to them.

Senator McGregor asked unanimous consent to consider the resolution at this time.

There was no objection.

The resolution was read and adopted.

Morning call concluded.

Simple Resolution No. 67.

Senator McNealus called up S. R. No. 67, and,

The Chair laid before the Senate, S. R. No. 67, an amendment providing "that beginning on Monday, February 8, 1915, the Senate follow the Calendar, in the considering and disposing of bills, to the end of the current Session."

There being an adverse majority committee report, and a favorable minority committee report,

Senator McNealus moved to adopt the minority committee report.

Senator Darwin moved, as a substitute, to adopt the majority (adverse) committee report.

Action recurred on the substitute

motion first, and the same was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—8.

Darwin.	McGregor.
Henderson.	Page.
Hudspeth.	Smith.
King.	Townsend.

Nays—17.

Bailey of DeWitt.	Harris.
Bailey of Harris.	Johnson.
Bee.	Lattimore.
Clark.	McCollum.
Conner.	McNealus.
Cowell.	Robbins.
Gibson.	Suiter.
Hall.	Westbrook.
Harley.	

Absent.

Brelsford.	Morrow.
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Absent—Excused.

Astin.	Parr.
Nugent.	Wiley.

Action then recurred on the motion to adopt the minority (favorable) committee report, the Chair holding that the resolution would be subject to amendment. The minority committee report was adopted.

Senator Cowell offered the following substitute for the resolution:

Whereas, Each Senator has pending before this body a number of bills which he is anxious to call up for passage; and,

Whereas, A great deal of time is consumed in various ways to get up bills out of regular order; therefore, be it

Resolved, That beginning on Wednesday, February 10, 1915, after the morning call, the Secretary shall call the regular roll of the Senate, and each Senator in response to his name shall be permitted to call up for consideration one general bill or two local bills, as he may desire, said roll call to continue at each session of the Senate until the name of each member has been called twice; provided, however, that on the first roll call all Senators who have passed at this Session as many as three bills shall not be permitted to call up for consideration any measures until their names are reached on the second call.

The substitute was read, and Senator Lattimore made the point

of order that the same was not germane to the resolution; since the resolution provided for an amendment to the rules, and the substitute merely provided for a temporary procedure.

The Chair overruled the point of order.

Action recurred on the substitute for the resolution, and the same was declared by the Chair as adopted, the vote being as follows:

Yeas—16.

Bailey of DeWitt.	Harris.
Bailey of Harris.	Johnson.
Bee.	McCollum.
Clark.	McNealus.
Conner.	Morrow.
Cowell.	Suiter.
Hall.	Townsend.
Harley.	Westbrook.

Nays—11.

Brelsford.	Lattimore.
Darwin.	McGregor.
Gibson.	Page.
Henderson.	Robbins.
Hudspeth.	Smith.
King.	

Absent—Excused.

Astin.	Parr.
Nugent.	Wiley.

Senator Hudspeth made the point of order that it required a two-thirds vote to amend the rules, citing Senate rule 63.

The Chair sustained the point of order, and declared the substitute lost.

Action recurred on the resolution, and Senator McNealus asked unanimous consent to change the date to February 10, in lieu of February 18. There was no objection.

Senator Johnson offered the following amendment:

Amend the resolution by making it apply only to February 28.

Pending discussion of the resolution, Senator McNealus asked unanimous consent to withdraw the resolution, and there being no objection, the same was withdrawn.

Message From the Governor.

Governor's Office,
February 9, 1915.

To the Texas Senate:
Having approved S. B. No. 70,

creating the Seventy-sixth Judicial District of Texas, I hereby ask your advice, consent and concurrence in the appointment of Hon. J. A. Ward, of Mount Pleasant, Texas, to be district judge of said Seventy-sixth Judicial District.

Respectfully submitted,
JAS. E. FERGUSON,
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,
February 9, 1915.

To the Texas Senate:

Having approved S. B. No. 70, creating the Seventy-sixth Judicial District of Texas, I hereby ask your advice, consent and concurrence in the appointment of Hon. Butler Ralston to be district attorney of the Seventy-sixth Judicial District.

Respectfully submitted,
JAS. E. FERGUSON,
Governor of Texas.

Executive Session—Time Set For.

Senator Robbins moved that the Senate go into Executive Session this afternoon at 5 o'clock for the purpose of considering the above appointments.

Senator Clark moved, as a substitute, to make the time 3 o'clock, p. m., tomorrow.

The substitute motion was adopted.

Senate Bill No. 131.

(Pending business.)

Action here recurred on the pending business from yesterday, S. B. No. 131, the question being on the pending amendment by Senator Lattimore et al.

Pending discussion on the above bill, and amendment, Senator Bailey of Harris asked to offer a motion to reconsider a vote on a former action of a bill, but there was objection.

Senator King, having obtained recognition to speak on the pending business, was granted privilege to yield the floor until such time as the pending business, was resumed.

Motion to Rescind Vote.

Senator Bailey of Harris made the

following motion, the Chair holding that the same was in order:

I move to rescind the action of the Senate in adopting the motion of the Senator from Hall to reconsider the vote by which S. B. No. 204 was lost, and to table the motion to reconsider.

BAILEY of Harris.

The above motion was read, and Senator Johnson moved to table same, which motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—9.

Conner.	McCollum.
Cowell.	Page.
Darwin.	Suiter.
Harris.	Townsend.
Johnson.	

Nays—14.

Bailey of DeWitt.	King.
Bailey of Harris.	Lattimore.
Bee.	McGregor.
Brelsford.	McNealus.
Clark.	Robbins.
Hall.	Smith.
Hudspeth.	Westbrook.

Present—Not Voting.

Morrow.

Absent.

Gibson.	Henderson.
Harley.	

Absent—Excused.

Astin.	Parr.
Nugent.	Wiley.

Action then recurred on the motion to rescind the vote, and the question arose as to whether or not it required a two-thirds vote or a majority vote, the question coming up when the motion was adopted by a viva voce vote, the Chair having announced that the motion had prevailed. Several points of order were made relating to the vote, and the Chair held that he announced the result under a misapprehension that a majority vote was all that was required, and directed the vote to be recast.

The motion to rescind was lost by the following vote, the Chair holding that a two-thirds vote was required.

Yeas—16.

Bailey of DeWitt.	King.
Bailey of Harris.	Lattimore.
Bee.	McCollum.
Brelsford.	McGregor.
Clark.	McNealus.
Hall.	Robbins.
Harley.	Smith.
Hudspeth.	Westbrook.

Nays—9.

Conner.	Morrow.
Cowell.	Page.
Darwin.	Suiter.
Harris.	Townsend.
Johnson.	

Absent.

Gibson.	Henderson.
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Absent—Excused.

Astin.	Parr.
Nugent.	Wiley.

Senate Bill No. 52—House Amendments Concurred In..

Senator Robbins called up S. B. No. 52, local court bill, with the following House amendments:

"Section 1. That the Thirteenth Judicial District of Texas shall hereafter be composed of the county of Navarro, and the terms of the district court shall be held therein in each year as follows: On the first Mondays in January, April, July and October of each year; and the terms of the January and April terms of said court shall continue in session twelve weeks, or until all of the business be disposed of; and the term beginning on the first Monday in July shall continue in session five weeks, or until the business is disposed of; and the term beginning on the first Monday in October shall continue in session twelve weeks, or until all of the business be disposed of; provided, there shall be no jury trials at the July term of said court.

Sec. 2. That there shall be organized grand juries at the April and October terms of said district court in said district; and at such other terms of said court as may be determined and ordered by the judge thereof."

Amend committee amendment to S. B. No. 52, by striking out the word "five," on line 28, page 5, and inserting therefor the word "six."

Amend S. B. No. 52 by adding thereto the following section, to be known as Section 4a:

Sec. 4a. The Governor of the State of Texas is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint some person having the qualifications provided by law for district judges, for the judge of the district court for said Seventy-seventh District, who shall hold his office until the next general election for State offices in the State of Texas, or until his successor is elected and qualified, as is provided by law. He shall receive the same salary that is now provided or may hereafter be provided, to be paid to district judges, and in like manner."

On motion of Senator Robbins, the reading of the amendment was dispensed with.

Senator Robbins moved that the Senate concur in the House amendments, which motion was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Bailey of DeWitt.	King.
Bailey of Harris.	Lattimore.
Bee.	McCollum.
Brelsford.	McGregor.
Clark.	McNealus.
Conner.	Morrow.
Cowell.	Page.
Darwin.	Robbins.
Hall.	Smith.
Harris.	Suiter.
Hudspeth.	Townsend.
Johnson.	Westbrook.

Absent.

Gibson.	Henderson.
Harley.	

Absent—Excused.

Astin.	Parr.
Nugent.	Wiley.

Senator Robbins moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendments were concurred in, and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 209.

(By unanimous consent.)

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

S. B. No. 209, A bill to be entitled "An Act to increase the authority

and duties of the commissioners court of Victoria County, Texas, and of the county commissioners of said county; to require said county commissioners to devote their entire time and attention to the affairs of said county, and to fix the salary for the members of said commissioners court, and repealing all laws, general and special, in conflict with the provisions of this Act, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report, that the bill be not printed, was adopted.

The bill was read second time, and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Bailey of DeWitt, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and S. B. No. 209 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

Bailey of DeWitt.	King.
Bailey of Harris.	Lattimore.
Bee.	McCollum.
Brelsford.	McGregor.
Clark.	McNealus.
Conner.	Morrow.
Cowell.	Page.
Darwin.	Robbins.
Hall.	Smith.
Harley.	Sulter.
Harris.	Townsend.
Hudspeth.	Westbrook.
Johnson.	

Absent.

Gibson.	Henderson.
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Absent—Excused.

Astin.	Parr.
Nugent.	Wiley.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

Bailey of DeWitt.	King.
Bailey of Harris.	Lattimore.
Bee.	McCollum.
Brelsford.	McGregor.
Clark.	McNealus.
Conner.	Morrow.
Cowell.	Page.
Darwin.	Robbins.
Hall.	Smith.
Harley.	Sulter.
Harris.	Townsend.
Hudspeth.	Westbrook.
Johnson.	

Absent.

Gibson.	Henderson.
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Absent—Excused.

Astin.	Parr.
Nugent.	Wiley.

Senator Bailey of DeWitt moved to reconsider the vote by which S. B. No. 209 was passed, and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Journal Correction.

On page 320, yesterday's Journal, under consideration of S. B. No. 131, the Journal shows that "Senator McGregor" offered the amendment, immediately following the reading of the bill, which is an error on part of the Journal Clerk.

The amendment was offered by Senator Westbrook, and the Journal will be corrected to so show.

Adjournment.

On motion of Senator Conner, the Senate, at 6 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until 2 o'clock, p. m., tomorrow.

APPENDIX.

Petitions and Memorials.

Senator McNealus presented a petition, from citizens of Dallas County; Senator Conner, three petitions from citizens of Brown County, and Senator Smith, five petitions from Gregg County, a petition from Rusk County, and a similar one from Henderson County, all numerous signed, protesting against the passage of the Gibson bill, affecting the Robertson insurance law.

A petition from citizens of Hico, who are opposed to the passage of H. B. No. 105, prohibiting the use of repeating guns, was offered by Senator Harris, who also presented a petition from numerous citizens of his district, asking for the submission of the suffrage amendment.

A petition of the Ladies of the Hawthorne Club of Cuero, Texas, praying for the enactment of laws on the subject of compulsory educa-

tion, was presented by Senator Bailey of DeWitt.

This petition was read, and referred to the Committee on Educational Affairs.

Senator Johnson presented a petition signed by a large number of citizens of his district, protesting against restrictions on wagon salesmen of medicines, etc.

Senator Harley offered a petition from taxpaying citizens of Guadalupe County, in opposition to any "tenant reform" measures.

A communication from the cashier of the Continental State Bank of Blanket, Texas, showing cause why the Gibson bill should be defeated, was presented by Senator Conner.

Committee Reports.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 6, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 134, "An Act prescribing the number of employes on all trains of more than five cars, transporting passengers for hire and on all other trains of more than forty cars, and on engines engaged exclusively within yard limits for the purpose of assorting, switching and shunting cars, and providing a penalty for the violation thereof,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass.

BRELSFORD, Acting Chairman.

(Minority Report.)

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 6, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred S. B. No. 134,

Have had the same under consideration, and a minority of said committee report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

WESTBROOK,
M'NEALUS,
SMITH.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 9, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 192, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road law for Franklin County, and declaring the county commissioners to be ex officio road supervisors, requiring their bond, defining their duties, and fixing their compensation; giving them control of all public roads, and the commissioners court full control of all road hands subject to road service, and declaring who is subject, amount of service required and amount of money to be paid in lieu of service; when and to whom paid; providing for the distribution of money and taxes, and for the purchase of tools and material for the roads; for teams and compensation therefor; providing for penalties, and for the creation of bond issues for the special road tax upon any commissioner's precinct, and for the office of road supervisor for such precinct; and providing for the observance of this law, and repealing of all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency, and providing for working county convicts, and recording votes of commissioners,"

Have had the same under consideration, and beg to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

HENDERSON, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 9, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 295, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 3 of the special road law for Smith County, Texas, passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, and known as Chapter 70, Special Laws of the Thirty-third Legislature, and creating an emergency, and providing for the suspension of the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days,"

Have had the same under consid-

eration, and beg to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

HENDERSON, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 9, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 299, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Wood County, Texas, and making the county commissioners of said county ex officio road commissioners; prescribing their compensation as such road commissioners, and providing for working county convicts upon public roads of said county, and for the payment of fees of officers and witnesses in such cases, and providing for the amount of time to be allowed road hands for their teams, and providing for the payment of \$5.00 in lieu of road service; providing that Wood County shall be subject to the general law governing the appointment of road overseers, and the dividing of roads into one precinct, and the distribution of hands to work in such road precincts; and providing, further, that this law shall be cumulative of the general road laws, and in case of a conflict, that this Act shall govern as to Wood County, and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

HENDERSON, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 9, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 231, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 2 and 14 of an Act creating a special road system for Harrison County, Texas, passed at the Regular Session of the Twenty-ninth Legislature, and known as Chapter 53, Special Laws of the Twenty-ninth Legislature, and which became a law May 9, 1905; fixing

the compensation of road hands and county commissioners; creating an emergency; and providing for the suspension of the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days,"

Have had the same under consideration, and beg to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

HENDERSON, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 9, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 180, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 632, Chapter 2, Title 18, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, providing that road bonds issued under this Act shall mature in forty years from their date, and may, at the option of the commissioners court, be made to mature in serial annual installments with such option of redemption as may be fixed by the commissioners court; providing for the rate of interest such bonds shall bear, for their examination by the Attorney General, their registration by the Comptroller, and providing for their custody, sale, disposition of the proceeds arising from the sale thereof, and the manner of disbursing such proceeds,"

Have had the same under consideration, and beg to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be printed.

HENDERSON, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 9, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 233, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 75 of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed at the Regular Session of the Twenty-seventh Legislature, as amended by Act of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Texas, Chapter 65, page 545, of the Special Laws of said Legislature, so as to provide in said Sec-

tion 10 an increase in the pay of said county commissioners when acting as ex officio road commissioners, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and beg to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

HENDERSON, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 9, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 243, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 12 of the Special Laws enacted by the First Called Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, being a special road law for Hopkins County, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

HENDERSON, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 8, 1915.
Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Towns and City Corporations, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 154, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Title 22, Chapter 1, Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, providing that any incorporated city, town or village in this State containing six hundred inhabitants or over, including those incorporated under Chapter 14 of this Title, or Chapter 11 of Title 18 of the Revised Statutes of 1895, and other laws, general and special, may accept the provisions of this Title,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that the same do pass as amended.

HALL, Chairman.

Amend the bill by adding, after Article 764, and between said Article 764 and Article 773, the following:

Art. 765. All property, real, personal or mixed, belonging to any

city accepting the provisions of this Title, is hereby vested in the corporation created by this Title, and the officers of said corporation, in office at the date of its acceptance, shall continue in the same, until superseded in conformity with the provisions of this Title, from and after it takes effect.

Art. 766. All rights, actions, fines, penalties and forfeitures in suits or otherwise, which have accrued under the laws heretofore in force, shall be vested in and prosecuted by the corporation hereby created; and no suit pending shall be affected by the passage and acceptance of this Title, but the same shall be prosecuted or defended, as the case may be, by the corporation hereby created.

Art. 767. The cemetery lots which have, and may hereafter be laid out, and sold for said city for private places of burial shall, with their appurtenances, be forever exempt from taxes, executions, attachments or forced sales.

Art. 768. It shall not be necessary in any action, suit or proceeding in which the city, accepting the provisions of this Title, shall be a party, for any bond, undertaking or security to be executed in behalf of the city; but all such actions, suits and proceedings shall be conducted in the same manner as if such bond, undertaking or security had been given and, for all the purposes of such actions, suits and proceedings, the city shall be liable in the same manner, and to the same extent, as if the bond, undertaking or security in ordinary cases had been duly given and executed.

Art. 769. Any town or city in this State, which may have been or may hereafter be chartered or organized under the general laws of Texas, or by special act or charter, and which city or town owns or operates waterworks, sewers, gas or electric lights, shall have the power and right to own land for such purposes, within or without the limits of such town or city.

Art. 770. Such town or city may purchase, construct and operate water, sewer and gas and electric light systems, inside or outside of such town or city limits, and regulate and control same, in a manner to protect the interests of such town or city.

Art. 771. Such town or city shall have the power and right to sell water, gas, electric light or power and sewer privileges to any person or corporation outside of the limits of said town or city, and to permit them to connect therewith under contract with such town or city, under such terms and conditions as may appear to be for the best interests of such town or city.

Art. 772. Such town or city owning or operating such water or gas mains or sewer pipes and electric appliances, shall have the right to prescribe the kind of water or gas mains or sewer pipes and electric appliances, within or beyond the limits of such town or city, and to inspect the same and require them to be kept in good order and condition at all times, and to make such rules and regulations, and prescribe penalties, concerning same, as shall be necessary and proper.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 9, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 188, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 6594, Chapter 10, Title 115, Revised Statutes of 1911, so as to provide that the same will not apply to flag stations where trains carrying passengers are stopped on signal, or otherwise, to take on or put off passengers."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass.

BAILEY of DeWitt, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 9, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 189, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 6591, Chapter 10, Title 115, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1911, so as to provide that said Article shall not apply to flag stations, where a stop is made on signal, or

otherwise, to take on or put off passengers, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

BAILEY of DeWitt, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 9, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 200, A bill to be entitled "An Act to appropriate the sum of twenty-nine thousand six hundred fifty dollars for the purpose of additional maintenance and support, power plant, laundry, fire escape and fire protection and additional running expenses for the Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass, with the following committee amendments:

Amend the bill by striking out item (b), under "power plant," "one air compressor, purchase and installation, \$3,300.00."

Amend the bill by striking out item (b), under "laundry," "one mangle, \$2,500.00."

Amend the bill by striking out the following items under "Agriculture":

(b) Hotbed and cold frame. \$200.00

(c) One additional mule... team 350.00

(d) Paddock and run for jack and stallion 300.00

Amend the bill by adding the words "and row binder," in item (e), after "silo, cutter, blower."

COWELL, Chairman.

(Minority Report.)

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 9, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, a minority of your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 209, A bill to be entitled," etc.,

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass, with the following committee amendments:

Amend the bill by striking out item (b), under "power plant," "one air compressor, purchase and installation, \$3,300.00."

Amend the bill by striking out item (b), under "laundry," "one mangle, \$2,500.00."

Amend the bill by striking out item (a), under "agriculture," "running expenses, \$5,000.00," and insert in lieu thereof, "running expenses, \$3,000.00."

Amend the bill by striking out the following items under "agriculture":

(b) Hotbed and cold frame. \$200.00
(c) One additional mule team 350.00
(d) Paddock and run for jack and stallion.....\$300.00

Amend the bill by adding the words "and row binder," in item (e), after "silo, cutter, blower."

JOHNSON.
CLARK.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 9, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 240, "An Act creating the Hedley Independent School District in Donley County, Texas; providing for a board of trustees in said independent school district, and conferring upon said district and its board of trustees all the rights, powers, privileges and duties now conferred and imposed by the General Laws of the State upon independent school districts and the board of trustees thereof; to provide for the election of trustees; for the raising of revenue, issuing bonds, building and maintaining school houses; maintaining public free schools; declaring valid an issue of bonds heretofore made, declaring valid a maintenance tax heretofore voted, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate, with the

recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

Bee, chairman; Bailey of Harris, Johnson, Robbins, Smith, Morrow, McGregor, Cowell.

Engrossing Committee Report.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 9, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, have carefully compared Senate Bill No. 46, and find same correctly engrossed.

WESTBROOK, Chairman.

TWENTY-SECOND DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas,
Wednesday, February 10, 1915.

The Senate met at 2 o'clock, p. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Lieutenant Governor W. P. Hobby.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Bailey of DeWitt.	Johnson.
Bailey of Harris.	King.
Bee.	Lattimore.
Brelsford.	McCollum.
Clark.	McGregor.
Conner.	McNealus.
Cowell.	Morrow.
Darwin.	Page.
Gibson.	Parr.
Hall.	Robbins.
Harley.	Smith.
Harris.	Suiter.
Henderson.	Townsend.
Hudspeth.	Westbrook.

Absent—Excused.

Astin. Wiley.
Nugent.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, the same was dispensed with, on motion of Senator McNealus.

Excused.

On account of important business: Senator Astin, for today, on motion of Senator Bailey of DeWitt.